

January 28, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in full support of the recent settlement between the US Department of Justice and Microsoft. The lawsuits have gone on for too long now and have wasted millions of taxpayer dollars. Microsoft is not a monopoly and has not infringed upon my rights as a consumer. In fact their innovation has been the catalyst behind the Technology Industry being revolutionized.

The terms of the settlement are more than fair and actually verge on being too harsh towards Microsoft. Microsoft will be disclosing interfaces that are internal to windows operating system products and granting computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows. This is a first in an antitrust case.

Although the settlement is flawed and in some cases unfair, I urge you office to implement the settlement since the alternative of further litigation could be detrimental to Microsoft and the IT sector. Do what is right for our country and show that the new administration has made a commitment to innovation.

I am a loyal AOL customer and have used their product since 1993. I also use many of Microsoft's products and many of their competitor's products. Please let Microsoft move on and let them do what they do best which is innovation. They raise the bar of excellence for all.

Sincerely,



Catherine Hamlin Walker